

San Diego County Probation

Juvenile Institutions Core Training

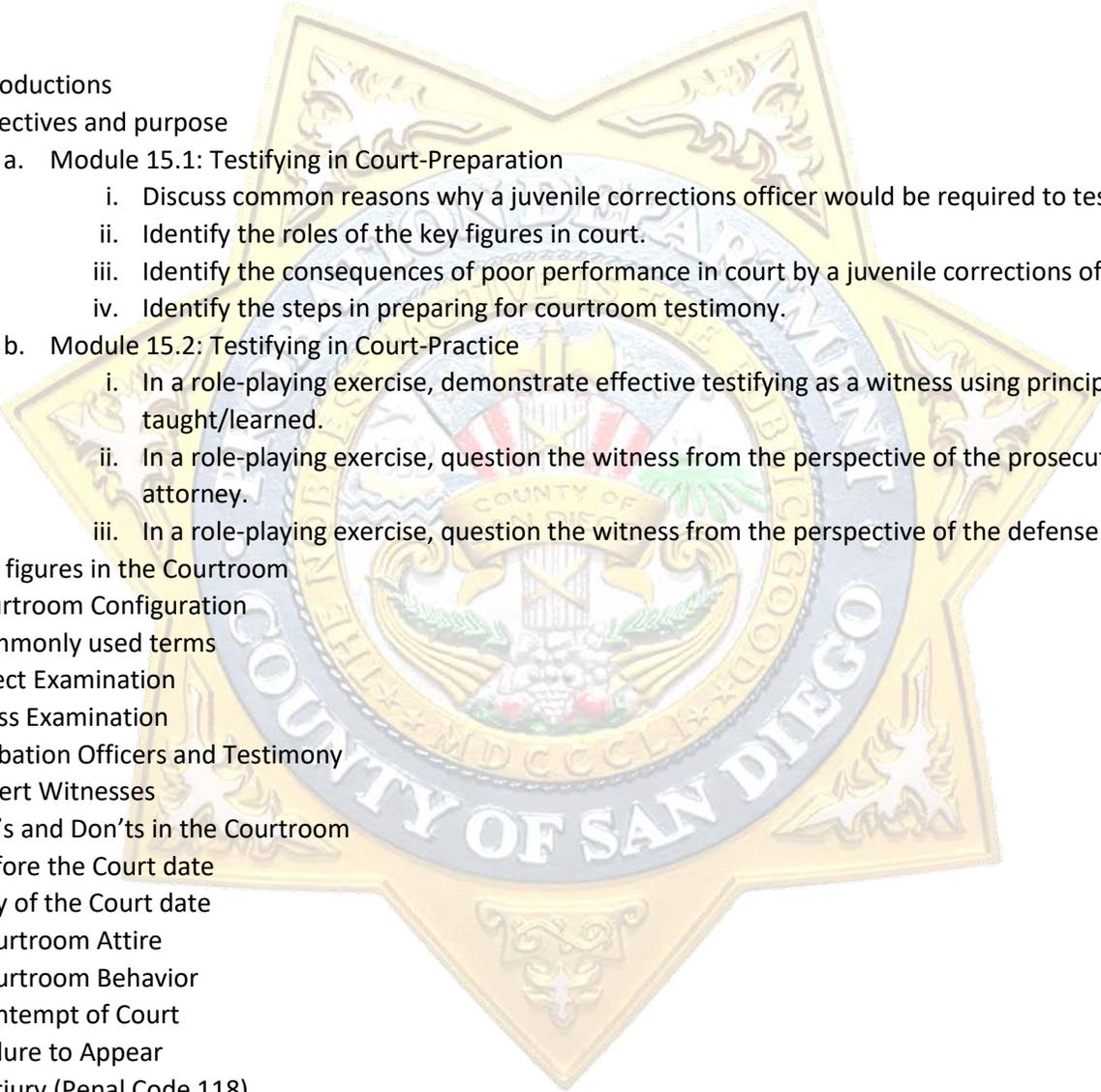
Unit 15.0: Testifying in Court

Module(s): 15.1 – Testifying in Court-Preparation

15.2 – Testifying in Court-Practice

Instructional Time: 4 hours

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1. Introductions
 2. Objectives and purpose
 - a. Module 15.1: Testifying in Court-Preparation
 - i. Discuss common reasons why a juvenile corrections officer would be required to testify in court.
 - ii. Identify the roles of the key figures in court.
 - iii. Identify the consequences of poor performance in court by a juvenile corrections officer.
 - iv. Identify the steps in preparing for courtroom testimony.
 - b. Module 15.2: Testifying in Court-Practice
 - i. In a role-playing exercise, demonstrate effective testifying as a witness using principles taught/learned.
 - ii. In a role-playing exercise, question the witness from the perspective of the prosecuting attorney.
 - iii. In a role-playing exercise, question the witness from the perspective of the defense attorney.
 3. Key figures in the Courtroom
 4. Courtroom Configuration
 5. Commonly used terms
 6. Direct Examination
 7. Cross Examination
 8. Probation Officers and Testimony
 9. Expert Witnesses
 10. Do's and Don'ts in the Courtroom
 11. Before the Court date
 12. Day of the Court date
 13. Courtroom Attire
 14. Courtroom Behavior
 15. Contempt of Court
 16. Failure to Appear
 17. Perjury (Penal Code 118)
 18. Etiquette
 19. Responding to Questions
 20. Objections
 21. Practical Application / Scenarios
 22. Review / Closing / Evaluations